

# InMotion

Bicycle / Pedestrian Vision Newsletter

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco • Commissioner James Weinstein

## Walkers and drivers are campaign targets

"Yield to Pedestrians." "Cross the street where you can see and be seen."

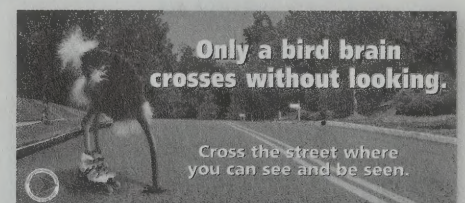
These are the two messages NJDOT is emphasizing in its new pedestrian safety awareness campaign. They are appearing with rooster and ostrich "mascots" on billboards, bus posters and theater slides this fall, encouraging both pedestrians and drivers to watch out for one another.

"Through this new campaign, we want to remind everyone that crossing the street at crosswalks, yielding to pedestrians, slowing down in construction and school zones, using seatbelts, child safety seats and helmets save lives," said Transportation Commissioner James Weinstein.

The campaign supports continuing efforts by NJDOT to promote pedestrian safety through education and engineering. Since 1998 federal and state grant programs have also funded over 10 million dollars to municipalities to construct more than 120 pedestrian safety projects.



Unveiling the new campaign are (from left) Maureen Milan, VP and General Manager for Bus Operations, NJ TRANSIT; Pam Fischer, Assistant VP Public Affairs, AAA NJ Automobile Club; James Weinstein, Transportation Commissioner, NJ TRANSIT Board Chairman and Jeffrey A. Warsh, Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT.



## NJDOT to announce FY 2002 Local Aid awards

New Jersey Department of Transportation's Division of Local Government Services will announce \$7 million in grants for bicycle projects and \$5 million for

pedestrian projects later this year. The Department received 104 applications for bicycle projects and 239 applications for pedestrian projects.

Commissioner Weinstein will notify the award recipients by letter in late fall. Watch for the announcement of the awards on our website at [www.state.nj.us/transportation/dlgs](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/dlgs)



# Enhancement grant awards \$7.5 million for bicyclists, pedestrians

Commissioner James Weinstein announced the award of 20 bicycle and pedestrian projects to be funded out of the \$13.75 million FY 2001 Transportation Enhancement program.

The grant awards will fund bicycle and pedestrian safety projects in 14 counties including \$185,000 for a 10-mile bicycle trail in Brigantine, Atlantic County; \$300,000 for the Hackensack River Walkway which connects recreation and transportation; and \$750,000 for the Route 1 Pedestrian Overpass to connect the interrupted D & R Canal multi-use trail in Lawrenceville, Mercer County.



Route 1 in Lawrenceville, Mercer County, interrupts the D & R Canal multi-use trail. The \$750,000 grant will assist in construction of a pedestrian walkway over the highway.

COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY	PROJECT NAME	RECOMMENDATION
Atlantic	Brigantine	New bicycle trail	\$185,000
Atlantic	Hammonton	Pedestrian link to train station	\$160,000
Bergen	Fort Lee	Pedestrian improvement project	\$250,000
Bergen	Hackensack	Hackensack River walkway	\$300,000
Bergen	Old Tappan	Hike and bike program	\$250,000
Camden	Camden	New sidewalk treatment	\$500,000
Essex	West Caldwell	New sidewalk treatment	\$250,000
Gloucester	Glassboro	Pedestrian/streetscape enhancement program	\$195,000
Hudson	Bayonne	New sidewalks and curbs	\$1,000,000
Hunterdon	Lambertville	Bicycle/pedestrian improvement plan	\$335,000
Mercer	Hamilton Township	D & R Canal bike path restoration	\$430,000
Mercer	Lawrenceville	Route 1 pedestrian overpass-D&R Canal State Park	\$750,000
Middlesex	Perth Amboy	Bicycle/pedestrian safety connector	\$500,000
Morris	Mt. Arlington	New sidewalks, curbs and lighting	\$300,000
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach	Widening of sidewalks	\$500,000
Ocean	Seaside Heights	Widening of sidewalks	\$450,000
Passaic	Prospect Park	New sidewalks, curbs and lighting	\$300,000
Somerset	Bernards Township	New bikeway project	\$160,000
Somerset	Bound Brook	Sidewalk reconstruction	\$230,000
Union	Plainfield	New sidewalks, curbs and lighting	\$500,000

## NJ Pedestrian Task Force encourages parents and children to walk to school



Metuchen parents and school children participate in Walk to School Day.

The New Jersey Pedestrian Safety Task Force kicked off the national Walk to School Day campaign in the Garden State in early October.

Students and parents throughout the state joined mayors, city council members, superintendents and other community leaders in the observance.

Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM), a transportation management association, coordinated walks in Middlesex County. Some of the towns that participated were Highland Park, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Piscataway, Plainsboro, South River and Woodbridge.

KMM provided organizational help to the communities as well as T-shirts, reflective materials and pedestrian safety brochures.

The New Jersey Pedestrian Task Force is encouraging students and parents across the state to walk to school to promote physical activity and pedestrian safety.

This yearly event began in 1997 when the Partnership for a Walkable America sponsored the first National Walk Our Children to School Day in Chicago. This year it's expected that the number of participants nationwide will exceed 400,000.

To learn more about the Walk to School organization, visit their web site at: [www.walktoschool-usa.org](http://www.walktoschool-usa.org).



# New trails ready to bike or hike

NJDOT has assisted many towns in funding bicycle projects through federal and state grant programs. Here is a list of the bicycle projects completed throughout the state.

COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY	PROJECT	MILES
Atlantic	Pleasantville	West Jersey Avenue to Northfield Bike Path	1.20
Bergen	Fair Lawn	Columbia Terrace Bike Path	0.40
Bergen	Maywood	Memorial Park Bike Path	0.25
Bergen	Midland Park	Dairy Street Recreation Bikeway	0.68
Bergen	Waldwick	Whites Pond Bike Path	0.41
Burlington	Medford	Medford Park Bike Trail	1.50
Burlington	Pemberton	Pemberton Rail to Trail Extension	3.00
Burlington	Tabernacle	County Route 532 Striped Bike Lanes	15.20
Burlington	Washington and Bass River	County Route 563 Striped Bike Lanes	5.70
Burlington	Westhampton	Springside Road (CR 635) Bike Path	0.50
Burlington	Woodland	CR 563 Striped Bike Lanes	2.80
Camden	Camden	Berlin Road Bike Path	0.10
Cape May	Woodbine	DeHirsch Avenue (County Route 550) Bike Path	1.46
Essex	Roseland	Roseland Bikeway -- Bond Force Park	0.20
Mercer	Lawrence Township	Province Line Road/ Princeton Pike Striped Bike Lanes	2.10
Mercer	Lawrence Township	Princeton Pike Bikeway Phase 2	0.47
Middlesex	Perth Amboy	Industrial Road Bike Trail	0.45
Monmouth	Ocean Township	Joe Palaia Park Bike Trail	3.20
Morris	Randolph Township	Bikeway System Calais Road Board of Education Complex	6.00
Morris	Stirling, Millington	Bike Trail	0.50
Somerset	Hillsborough	Striped Bike Lanes, New Amwell Road/ Beekman and Willow Roads	4.60
Sussex	Stillwater	Duck Pond Trail	1.00

## Send in application for recreational trails

Parks and Forestry is now accepting applications for the FY 2002 National Recreational Trail Program Grant.

This year New Jersey will receive \$850,000 that can be used for motorized or non-motorized trail projects. Some of the permissible uses and projects are: maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and linkages for recreational trails.

This funding is available to federal, state, county and local governments and non-profit agencies. The deadline to file your application is December 20, 2001. To request an application or learn more about this program, contact the Office of Natural Lands Management at 609-984-1339 or visit their website at: [www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhrnrtp.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhrnrtp.htm)

This program is funded through TEA-21 and administered by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Natural Land Management, Division of Parks and Forestry.

## Featured trail: Randolph Township bicycle trails

Randolph Township in Morris County recently dedicated 12 miles of new bike trail. The trail system, when complete, will total 20 miles connecting parklands, schools and surrounding communities.

The newest trails, the Shongum Trail and the James Andrews Park Trail, were funded with \$716,000 of Local Aid Grants awarded by NJDOT.

The trail system travels through a gently sloped woodland area with an aggregate surface. It connects with a trail using striped bike lanes along township roadways and then links to on-road facilities using roadways with lower traffic volumes and speed limits.

For more information or to receive copies of the trail map, contact the Recreation Department at 973-989-7081.



Opening day dedication of the James Andrews Park Trail draws an eager crowd in Randolph.

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


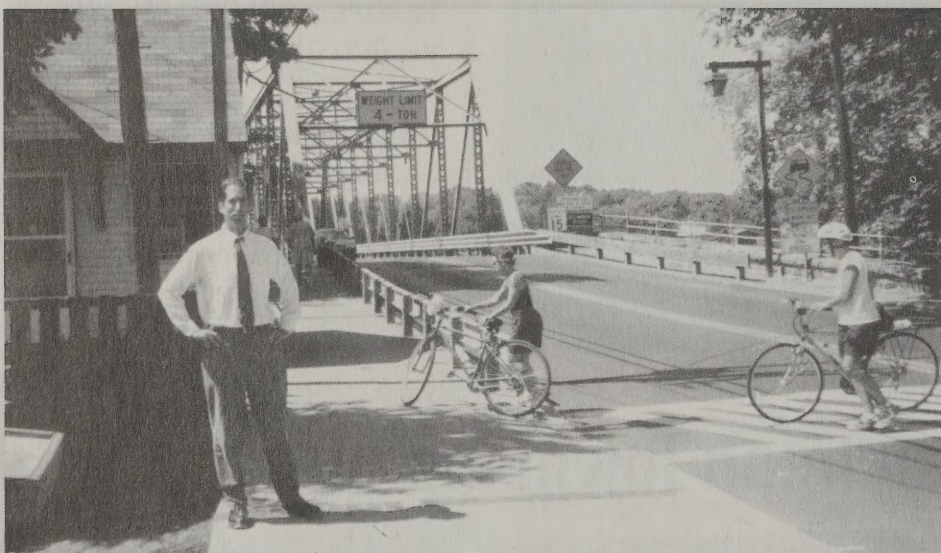


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**Planner Bill Riviere joins NJDOT's bike/ped unit.** Bill comes to the Department with a background in Urban Administration. In his new position he will review transportation projects ensuring that bike compatibility is considered early in a project's planning stages and in special programs like Farmland Preservation and Village Center Designations. A recent assignment took Bill Riviere away from his desk to downtown Lambertville (see photo above).

## New bike tour guides in production

A new edition of each of NJDOT's nine bicycle tour guides is in production and will be available in the new year.

We will post a notice on <http://www.state.nj.us/njcommuter/html/bikewalk.htm> when they become available.

The new guides will contain updated maps and feature color photography. The nine tours are: Allamuchy Allegory, Battle of Monmouth, Last Covered Bridge, Old Mine Road, Pine Barrens/River Ramble, Round Valley Roundabout, Three Easy Scenic River Rides, D & R Canal Towpath, and Great Swamp Ride.



*InMotion reports on NJDOT's ongoing bicycle and pedestrian programs and our progress in achieving initiatives. For more information or to submit ideas for this newsletter, please call Bill Feldman, NJDOT Office of Bike/Ped Programs, at 609-530-8062. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration.*